

**In the Specification** (clean copy as amended)

Please replace the paragraph spanning pages 5 and 6 with the following:

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The aromatic compound to be subjected to adsorptive separation according to the invention is an aromatic compound substituted with alkyl group(s) and/or halogen atoms(s). The aromatic compound includes a plurality of isomers. In cases where the boiling point difference between these isomers is small, the isomers are difficult to separate from each other through distillation. For the isomers, therefore, suitable is a method of separating them through adsorptive separation.

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